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1. US/NK CONTACT. ALL PAPERS HAVE EDITORIALS, IN WAKE OF
TITO VISITS, APPLAUDING RE-AFFIRMATION OF US POLICY NOT TO HAVE
CONTACT WITH NK WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF ROK. CARTER/VANCE/
HOLBROOKE STATEMENTS VARIOUSLY CITED AS SHOWING CLEAR US
POSITION ON THE ISSUE.

2. LANCE MISSILE. FRONTPAGE TREATMENT TO TOKYO HAPDONG
REPORT CITING "MILITARY SOURCES" SAYING ROK HAS SECRETLY
ASKED US FOR LANCE MISSILE, AND US IS "SCRUPULOUSLY STUDYING
THIS MATTER". SOURCES SAY ROK WANTS LANCE AS PART OF
COMPENSATION FOR US TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND FOR USE AGAINST
NK Y-SHAPED ARTILLERY EMPLACEMENTS.

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3. FOREIGN MINISTER. QUOTED AT AIRPORT UPON HIS
RETURN TO ROK, PARK SAID WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS
"RECONFIRMED US AND ROK ARE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT FOR
SETTLING PENDING ISSUES AND RESTORING TRADITIONAL
FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP". CONCERNING SPECULATION OVER
KIM TONG CHO TESTIMONY, PARK SAID MATTER " WAS NOT

DISCUSSED AT ALL WITH SEC. VANCE; GROUNDLESS REPORT".

4. AMB. KIM/SPEAKER O'NEILL MEETING. TONGA ILBO CORRESPONDENT FILED STORY THAT KIM MET O'NEIL MARCH 10 AND TALKED ABOUT KIM TONG CHO TESTIMONY. QUOTES KIM SAYING, "ROKG BASIC PLICY WILL NOT BE CHANGED; NO METHOD OF TESTIMONY POSSIBLE".

5. SENATOR GLENN. HANGUK ILBO CORRESPONDENT HAS FRONT-PAGE FEATURE OF GLENN SAYING, "WITHDRAWAL SHOULD HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN ORDER TO HELP ROK FORCE IMPROVEMENT; OPPOSED TO AID AND PTS SCANDAL BEING LINKED: OPPOSED TO TESTIMONY OF FORMER DIPLOMATS".

6. FRASER COMTE. TONGA CORRESPONDENT STORY SAYS FRASER COMTE WILL MEET FOR FOUR DAYS BEGINNING 3/15 CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF KOREAGATE COVERUP BY NIXON ADMINISTRATION. EXPECTED WITNESSES: MARSHALL GREEN, WILLIAM PORTER, DONALD RAYNARD; POSSIBLE WITNESSES: HENRY KISSINGER, JOHN MITCHELL.

7. SECDEF BROWN. AP ARTICLE ON BORWN'S PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE HE COMMENTS, "US WILL CONTINUE TO EXECUTE WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE". ARTICLE NOTES BROWN SPECIFIC ABOUT FIRST PHASE OF WITHDRAWAL, BUT DID NOT MENTION SCHEDULE/TIMING OF FOLLOWING PHASES OR LAST CONTINGENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF WITHDRAWAL.

8. KOREAGATE. SMALL WIRE SERVICE PLAY THAT PTS TESTIMONY HAS SHOWN HOW INITIAL KOREAGATE REPORTING WAS EXAGGERATED CONCERNING NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES INVOLVED. REPORT KIM HAN CHO TRIAL TO BEGIN 3/15 AND HANNA TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR 3/20.
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